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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SC MEETING ON ISRAELI RESCUE
OPERATION

REFERENCE: STATE 166529

1. ACTING DCM AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON GOP ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY NIAZ NAIK ON JULY 6 AND MADE POINTS DRAWN FROM REFTEL, PARAS 1-5. NAIK INDICATED GOP COULD NOT SUPPORT PROPOSED US DRAFT RESOLUTION.

2. NAIK TOOK A VERY HARDLINE AGAINST ISRAELI ACTION. HE SAID GOP COULD NOT PUT THE HIJACKING AND THE SUBSEQUENT ISRAELI OPERATION ON SAME PLANE. OFFICIAL GOP POSITION, HE SAID, HAD ALREADY BEEN SPELLED OUT IN PRESS STATEMENT JUST RELEASED, TEXT OF WHICH HAD BEEN CABLED TO PAK PERMREP IN NEW YORK. GOP HAD ALSO SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO PERMREP ON BASIS PRESS STATEMENT TELLING HIM TO SUPPORT A DRAFT RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL. PERMREP HAS BEEN INFORMED PAKISTAN'S POSITION RE KENYA WOULD DEPEND ON THE CASE WHICH IS DEVELOPED AGINST GOK. PERMREP HAS BEEN TOLD TO
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RESOLUTION IS DRAFTED. NAIK SAID THAT HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DIRECT REFERENCE TO KENYA, JUST A CONDEMNATION OF "THOSE WHO HAD SUPPORTED" THE ISRAELI OPERATION.

3. TEXT OF THE GOP STATEMENT "CONDEMNING ISRAEL'S TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF UGANDA " FOLLOWS:
" THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN EXPRESSES ITS SENSE OF PROFOUND SHOCK OVER ISRAEL'S BRAZEN ACT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE SOVEREIGNTY OF UGANDA. ISRAELI ARMED FORCES ATTACKED THE ENTEBBE AIRPORT IN UGANDA ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 3 CAUSING SERIOUS DAMAGE TO LIFE AND PROPERTY THERE. DRAWING ATTENTION TO ITS CONSISTENT OPPOSITION TO ISRAEL'S POLICY OF AGGRESSION, THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN CONDEMNS THE ISRAELI ATTACK ON THE ENTEBBE AIRPORT AND EXPRESSES PAKISTAN'S SOLIDARITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF UGANDA. THIS BLATANT AGGRESSION DEMONSTRATED ONCE AGAIN ISRAEL'S TOTAL DISREGARD FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES AND ITS LACK OF RESPECT FOR AFRICAN AND ARAB LIVES.
"THIS WAS, HOWEVER, NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT ISRAEL HAD VIOLATED, WITH TOTAL IMPUNITY, THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAD LAUNCHED UNPROVOKED AGGRESSION AGAINST A SOVEREIGN STATE. THE LAST TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS ABOUND WITH INNUMERABLE ACTS OF AGGRESSION COMMITTED BY ISRAEL IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS EXPANSIONIST DESIGNS. THE LATEST ACT OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION WAS SPECIALLY SHOCKING SINCE PRESIDENT IDI AMIN HAD PERSONALLY BEEN NEGOTIATING THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES WITH THE HIJACKERS AND HAD ALREADY SUCCEEDED IN SECURING THE RELEASE OF OVER 150 PERSONS."

4. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION, NAIK REITERATED THAT GOP DRAWS A DISTINCTION BETWEEN HIJACKINGS BY INDIVIDUAL TERRORISTS, WHICH IT CONDEMNS, AND THOSE CARRIED OUT BY RECOGNIZED LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS IN PURSUANCE OF THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SELF-DETERMINATION. PAKISTAN, HE SAID, WOULD SUPPORT ANY MEASURES AT THE UN TO PROTEST THE FIRST CATEGORY OF HIJACKINGS. AS FOR THE SECOND,
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HE SAID THAT ACTION MUST BE TAKEN TO REMOVE THE FUNDAMENTAL REASONS WHY THEY TAKE PLACE. ASKED IN WHICH CATEGORY HE THOUGHT THE LATEST HIJACKING FELL, NAIK REPLIED THAT THE ISRAELI ACTION HAD GIVEN A NEW COMPLEXION TO THE AFFAIR.

5. NAIK STOUTLY DEFENDED IDI AMIN'S ROLE CLAIMING THAT THE UGANDAN PRESIDENT HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR RELEASE

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OF MANY HOSTAGES AND THAT HE WAS MAKING FURTHER PROGRESS WHEN ISRAELIS INTERVENED. CITING HIS OWN ROLE IN THE SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH ARAB HIJACKERS WHO HAD SEIZED CONTROL OF A GREEK SHIP IN KARACHI HARBOR IN 1974, NAIK MAINTAINED THAT NEGOTIATIONS SUCH AS THOSE AMIN HAD REPORTEDLY MOUNTED TOOK MUCH TIME AND PATIENCE. THE ISRAELIS HAD NO JUSTIFICATION WHATEVER FOR ACTING AS THEY DID AND THEIR ACTION MIGHT WELL HAVE ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS ON THEM.

COMMENT: NAIK'S REACTION COMES AS NO SURPRISE. AS MUSLIM COUNTRY CHAMPIONING ARAB CAUSE AND CONSTANTLY SEEKING TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH THIRD WORLD CAUSES, PAKISTAN COULD BE EXPECTED TO JOIN WITH ARAB/AFRICAN MOVES CONDEMING ISRAELIS, HOWEVER MUCH INDIVIDUAL PAKS MAY SECRETLY ADMIRE BOLDNESS OF GOI ACTION.
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